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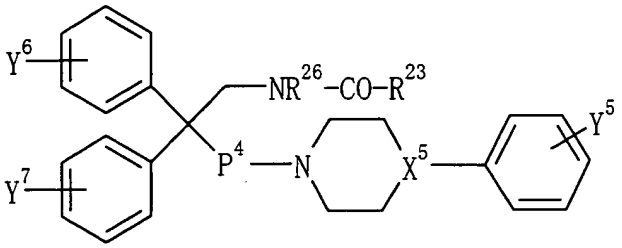
In the Claims

Please substitute the following claims 17, 23, 25, 26 and 30 for claims 17, 23, 25, 26 and 30 now pending in the above-identified application.

Please cancel claims 1-16, 24, 31, 35 and 36 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A compound represented by the formula



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wherein R^{23} is C_{1-6} alkyl group having C_{7-16} aralkyloxy-carbonylamino optionally having substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C_{1-6} alkoxy and C_{1-6} alkyl; P^4 is C_{1-3} alkylene group; X^5 is ~~CH, C-OH~~ CH or N; Y^5 is hydrogen atom, halogen atom or C_{1-6} alkoxy group; R^{26} is hydrogen atom or C_{1-6} alkyl group; Y^6 and Y^7 are the same or different and each is hydrogen atom, halogen atom, optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkyl group or optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

18. (Original) The compound of claim 17, wherein R^{26} is hydrogen atom.

19. (Original) Benzyl 2-((2,2-diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethylcarbamate or a salt thereof,

4-chlorobenzyl 2-((2,2-diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethylcarbamate or a salt thereof,

3-chlorobenzyl 2-((2,2-diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethylcarbamate or a salt thereof,

benzyl 2-(N-(2,2-diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)-N-methylamino)-2-oxoethylcarbamate or a salt thereof,

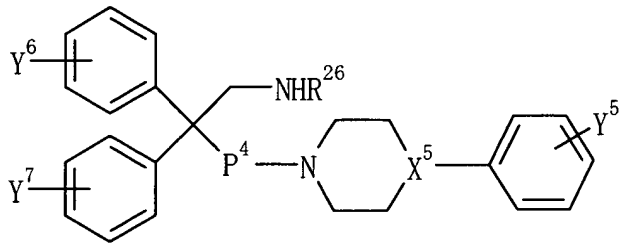
benzyl 2-((5-(4-(3-fluorophenyl)piperidino)-2,2-diphenylpentyl)amino)-2-oxoethylcarbamate or a salt thereof,

benzyl 2-((5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)-2,2-diphenylpentyl)amino)-2-oxoethylcarbamate or a salt thereof,

benzyl 2-((5-(4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidino)-2,2-diphenylpentyl)amino)-2-oxoethylcarbamate or a salt thereof, or

3-chlorobenzyl 2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethylcarbamate or a salt thereof.

20. (Original) A production method of a compound of claim 17, which comprises reacting a compound represented by the formula

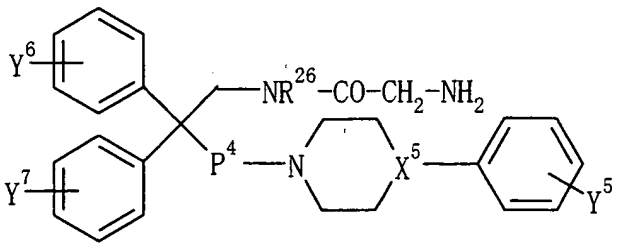


wherein each symbol is as defined in claim 17 or a salt thereof with a reactive derivative of an organic acid of the formula

R^{23}-COOH

wherein R^{23} is as defined in claim 17.

21. (Original) A production method of a compound of claim 17, which comprises reacting a compound represented by the formula



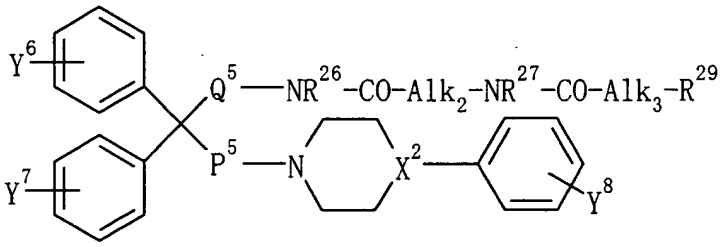
wherein each symbol is as defined in claim 17, or a salt thereof with a reactive derivative of the formula

R^{32}-X

wherein R^{32} is C_{7-16} aralkyloxy-carbonyl group, and X is a leaving group.

22. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition containing a compound of claim 17.

23. (Currently Amended) A compound represented by the formula



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wherein R^{26} and R^{27} are the same or different and each is hydrogen atom or C_{1-6} alkyl group; ~~Alk_2 and Alk_3 are the same or different and each is a bond or C_{1-6} alkylene group optionally having substituents; R^{29} is (1) C_{6-10} aryl group optionally having substituents or (2) 5 to 10-membered aromatic heterocyclic group optionally having substituents, which contains, besides carbon atom, 1 to 3 heteroatom(s) selected from the group consisting of nitrogen atom, oxygen atom and sulfur atom~~ Alk_2 and Alk_3 are the same or different and each is a bond, or C_{1-6} alkylene group optionally having substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, hydroxy, amino and C_{6-10} aryl; R^{29} is (1) C_{6-10} aryl group

or (2) 5 to 10-membered aromatic heterocyclic group containing, besides carbon atom, 1 to 3 heteroatom(s) selected from the group consisting of nitrogen atom, oxygen atom and sulfur atom, which optionally has substituents selected from the group consisting of nitro, halogen atom, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy and C_{6-10} aryl; X^2 is ~~CH, C-OH~~ **CH** or N; P^5 and Q^5 are the same or different and each is C_{1-6} alkylene group; Y^6, Y^7 and Y^8 are the same or different and each is hydrogen atom, halogen atom, optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkyl group or optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

Claim 24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 23 ~~or 24~~, wherein R^{29} is indol-2-yl optionally having substituents **selected from the group consisting of nitro, halogen atom, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy and C_{6-10} aryl**.

26. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 23 ~~or 24~~, wherein R^{29} is indol-2-yl optionally having substituents selected from halogen atom, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy and hydroxy.

27. (Original) N-(2-((2,2-Diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)indole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1-methylindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

5-chloro-N-(2-((2,2-diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)indole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)indole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-5-chloroindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1-methylindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-5-fluoroindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-5-methoxyindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-5-hydroxyindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)-2,2-diphenylpentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)indole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)-2,2-diphenylpentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1-methylindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

5-chloro-N-(2-((5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)-2,2-diphenylpentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1-methylindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

5-chloro-N-(2-((5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)-2,2-diphenylpentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)indole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-5-fluoroindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-5-methoxyindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)indole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)indole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-5-chloroindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

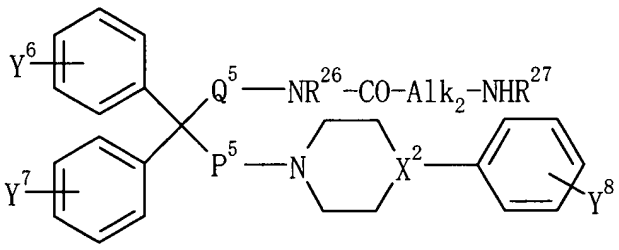
N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)indole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-5-chloroindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof,

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)indole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof, or

N-(2-((2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-(2-fluorophenyl)piperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-5-chloroindole-2-carboxamide or a salt thereof.

28. (Original) A production method of a compound of claim 23, which comprises reacting a compound represented by the formula



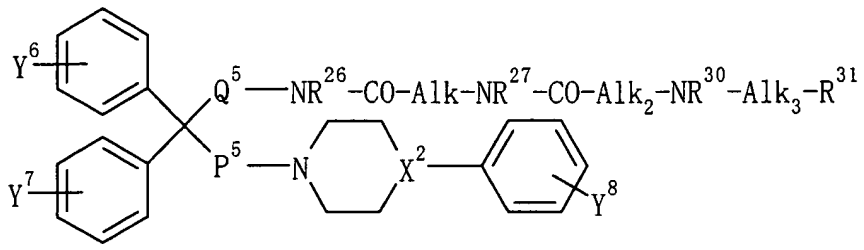
wherein each symbol is as defined in claim 23, or a salt thereof with a reactive derivative of an organic acid of the formula

R^{29}-Alk_3-COOH

wherein each symbol is as defined in claim 23.

29. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition containing a compound of claim 23.

30. (Currently Amended) A compound represented by the formula



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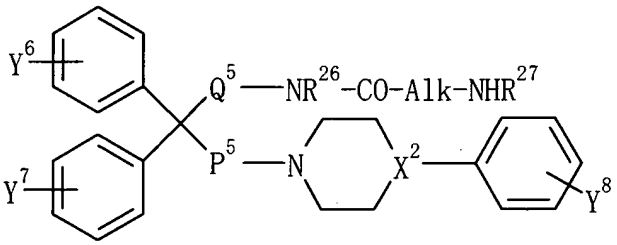
wherein R^{26} and R^{27} are the same or different and each is hydrogen atom or C_{1-6} alkyl group; R^{30} is hydrogen atom, C_{1-6} alkyl group or optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkyl-carbonyl group; ~~**Alk is C_{1-6} alkylene group optionally having substituents; Alk_2 and Alk_3 are the same or different and each is a bond or C_{1-6} alkylene group optionally having substituents; R^{31} is C_{6-10} aryl group optionally having substituents**~~ **Alk is C_{1-6} alkylene group optionally having substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, hydroxy, amino and C_{6-10} aryl; Alk_2 and Alk_3 are the same or different and each is a bond or C_{1-6} alkylene group optionally having substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, hydroxy, amino and C_{6-10} aryl; R^{31} is C_{6-10} aryl group optionally having substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy and C_{6-10} aryl**; X^2 is CH, C-OH or N; P^5 and Q^5 are the same or different and each is C_{1-6} alkylene group; Y^6, Y^7 and Y^8 are the same or different and each is hydrogen atom, halogen atom, optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkyl group or optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

Claim 31 (Cancelled)

32. (Original) N-(2-((2-((2,2-Diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-N-phenylacetamide or a salt thereof, 2-anilino-N-(2-((2,2-diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)acetamide or a salt thereof, or 2-(((benzylamino)carbonyl)amino)-N-(2,2-diphenyl-5-(4-phenylpiperidino)pentyl)acetamide or a salt thereof.

33. (Original) A production method of a compound of claim 30, which comprises reacting a compound represented by the formula



wherein each symbol is as defined in claim 30, or a salt thereof, with,

(1) when Alk_2 is C_{1-6} alkylene group optionally having substituents, a reactive derivative of an organic acid compound of the formula

R^{31}-Alk_3-NR^{30}-Alk_2-COOH

wherein each symbol is as defined in claim 30,

(2) when Alk_2 is a bond, a reactive derivative of the formula

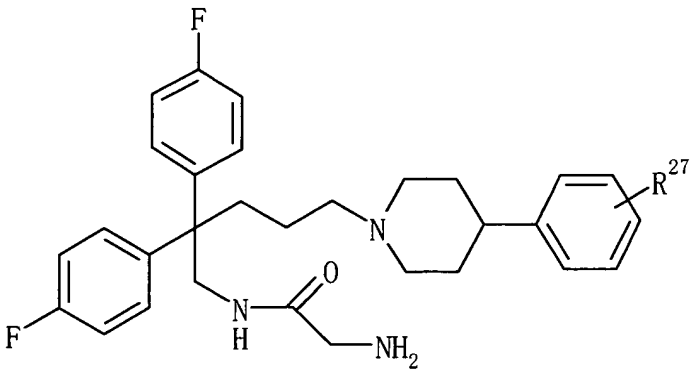
R^{31}-Alk_3-NR^{30}-CO-X or R^{31}-Alk_3-NCO

wherein X is leaving group, and other symbols are as defined in claim 30.

34. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition containing a compound of claim 30.

Claims 35 and 36 (Cancelled)

37. (Original) A compound represented by the formula



wherein R^{27} is hydrogen atom, halogen atom, optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkyl group or optionally halogenated C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or a salt thereof.